# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

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PADDY PROCUREMENT CENTRES
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of procurement centres of Food Corporation of India (FCI) currently working in Bihar for purchase of paddy;

(b) whether many of these procurement centres are not functioning causing hardships to the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d): the steps taken to operationalise the paddy procurement centres in all the blocks of the States?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that 127 procurement centers were opened by them in Bihar for procurement of paddy in Kharif Marketing Season 2006-07.

(b): All these centers are functioning properly.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Necessary steps have been taken by FCI and the State Government to operationalise all the procurement centers in the State. Cooperatives and State agencies have been directed by the State Government to open procurement centers in the remote areas of the State.